



By the King.

## A Proclamation for restraint of Building, in and about London.

**T**He Kings Maiestie, perceiuing the manifold inconueniences dayly growing by increase of new Buildings in the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, whereby the people increasing to so great numbers, are not well to be gouerned by the wonted Officers, and the price of Victuals is thereby much inhaunsed, and the health of his Subjects inhabiting in the Cities and places aforesayd, or repairing thither, is much endangered, and many other good Townes and Borowes thereby impeopled and in there trades much decayed; And also perceiuing the generall commoditie which would grow to his sayd Cities of London and Westminster, and the Liberties and Suburbs of the same, if the vse of Building with Bricks there, were more practised and put in vse, and that Timber thereby would be greatly preserued and spared, which is much wasted and growne very skant within this Realme; And also obseruing how much it would grace and beautifie the said Cities, being the principall places of this Kingdome, for the resort and intertainment of foereine Princes, which from time to time doe come into this Realme, if an Uniformitie were kept in the sayd Buildings, and the foreparts or forefronts of the houses, standing and looking towards the Streets, were all builded with Bricke and Stone, which is more durable and more safe and defensible against fire, and is by experience found to be of little more charge then the building with Timber: Doth therefore straightly prohibite and forbid all persons whatsoeuer, that they nor any of them shal or do at any time after the last day of September next insuing, build, erect, or set vp, or cause to be builded, erected or set vp within the Cities of London or Westminster, or the Suburbs thereof, or within the distance of two miles to be taken from any of the gates of the said City of London, any maner of Buildings, be they dwelling Houses, Stables, Shops, Stalls, or any other Building whatsoeuer, except it be vpon the foundation of a former dwelling House, Stable, Shop, Stall, or other building respectiue, or in or vpon some inner Court or yard of a dwelling House, only for an enlargement of the said dwelling House, for one onely habitation as it was before.

And his Maiestie doeth further straitly prohibit & forbid all persons whatsoeuer, that they nor any of them shal or doe at any time after the sayd last day of September next ensuing,



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erect, or set vp, or cause to be builded, erected, or set vp, vpon any olde foundation, any habitation, or shop, or whole story of any building, ioyning vpon any street or streetes of the sayd Cities of London and Westminster, or the Liberties or Suburbs of the same, or within two Miles to be taken from any of the gates of the sayd City of London, except the house, habitation, shoppe, or storie so to be builded as is aforesaid, or at the least the forefront, or forepart thereof standing, fronting, or looking towards the street or streetes be wholly built of bricke, or of bricke and stone, or of one, or both of them: Nor shall make any attachment in or vpon the streets either aboue or vpon the ground, nor shall erect make or put out any Jutties, out windowes, trussing ouer, or ouerhanging of wals or windowes towards the street (other then windowes commonly called Cant windowes, as hereafter is limited, reaching one foot and a halfe and not aboue from the wals of the house into the street,) vpon paine, that all and euery person and persons offending in the premisses, or any of them shall incurre his Maiesties high displeasure, and such paines, penalties, and imprisonments, as by the lawes of this Realme, can or may bee inflicted vpon the Offendours therein, for contempt and disobedience in that behalfe.

And his Maiestie is neuerthelesse graciously pleased, that (for encouragement of such as shall be conformable, and for a moderate course to be held, for the ease and benefite of such as shall build with bricke as aforesaid) It shall and may be lawfull for them to make the doores and windowes of euery such building of wood or timber for sauing of roome and conuenience of shops. And likewise that euery person that shall erect any house as aforesaid, shall be allowed, one or more Cant windowes of a foote and a halfe into the street, so as they doe be vpright, taking the foundation of their Cant, from the ground to the top, or from the first story at their election without Jutties, out windowes, or trussing ouer, or ouerhanging as aforesaide. And his Maiestie doeth straightly forbid all Carpenters, labourers, and workemen whatsoever, that they nor any of them doe attempt or doe any labour or labour about the building or setting vp of any houses within the said cities and places aforesaid, contrary to this his Highnesse Proclamation, vpon paine of such punishment and imprisonment, as by the lawes of this Realme may or can bee inflicted vpon them in that behalf. And his Maiestie doth also command the Lord Maior and Aldermen of London, all his Maiesties Iustices of Peace hauing authoritie within the said Cities or the limits of the places aforesaid, That they and euery of them respectiue, doe cause this his Maiesties commandement to be straightly obserued, and duely executed according to the tenor and true meaning thereof without delay.

Provided alwayes neuerthelesse, and his Maiesties pleasure is, that such part of this his Highnesse Proclamation as concerneth building with bricke or stone, shall not extend to any houses, habitations, shoppes, or stories of buildings, which from and after the said first day of October next comming shall be builded or erected, in any Alley or Alieyes, or other so obscure meane a Lane as is not fit for such building.

Giuen at our honour of Hampton Court the tenth day of September, in the ninth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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